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TROPICAL LOVE ✓

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The Drifter, young and educated, and the Seeker, old, feeble-minded and searching he knew not what, joined partnership in San Juan, Porto Rico. In a little church the statue of the Virgin Mary stirred something in the Seeker's memory. ~~There~~ There he met Rosario, unaware that she was his daughter, left there a baby twenty years ago when a tragedy had shattered his mind.

Carlos Blasco, wealthy sugar plantation owner, was attacked by Miguel, a disgruntled overseer. The Drifter saved his life and was given Miguel's position. Adjoining the Blasco plantation was an apparently worthless piece of land that belonged to John Haines, missing for many years.

Through the jealousy of Pedro, whom Rosario had always believed was her brother, Rosario learned that she was the daughter of Haines. His land was deeded over to her and she was about to sell it to Clifford Payne for a small sum when the Seeker brought some gold he had found on the property.

The Drifter would not let her sell, so Payne lured Rosario to a cabin and tried to force her to sign the bill of sale. The Seeker heard her cries, but he and the girl were no match for Payne and Miguel. The Drifter was summoned to the rescue by Pedro, who confessed that the Seeker was Haines, Rosario's father.

The Seeker was mortally wounded, living only long enough to know that Rosario was his daughter, and knowing that her happiness was in the secure protection of the Drifter, who loved her.

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